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FOR HA A/S SHATTUCK FROM AMBASSADOR

ALSO FOR AF, IO, RP

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PHUM, UNHRC-1, PREF, RW
SUBJECT: HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ACT ON
RWANDA

REF: (A) STATE 110848 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 0408 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (HCHR) AYALA LASSO HAS AGREED TO TELEPHONE RWANDAN MILITARY LEADERS TO URGE RESTRAINT; HE IS ALSO PREPARING A WRITTEN MESSAGE. HE PLANS TO SEND AN ENVOY TO BURUNDI, WHO WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO RWANDA IF CONDITIONS PERMIT. AYALA HIMSELF HOPES TO VISIT BURUNDI AND POSSIBLY RWANDA LATER THIS MONTH. HE HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN RWANDA WITH ICRC, OTHER UN AGENCIES, AND THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. AYALA LOOKS FORWARD TO A CALL FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK. WE PROVIDE FOR SHATTUCK'S USE A LIST OF KEY ICRC CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PARAS 7 AND 8). END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. SPIEGEL MET WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO APRIL 30 TO URGE THE HCHR TO ADOPT AN ENERGETIC ROLE TO HELP BRING ABOUT THE END OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RWANDA. SPIEGEL SPOKE WITH AYALA AGAIN THE MORNING OF MAY 2, FOLLOWING WEEKEND CONVERSATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MOOSE AND

SHATTUCK. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AYALA AGREED TO INTENSIFY AND EXPAND ACTION HE WAS ALREADY TAKING ON RWANDA.

3. AT THE APRIL 30 MEETING, SPIEGEL OUTLINED U.S.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: PAUL W HILBURN
DATE/CASE ID: 26 JUL 2006 200103014

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REFTEL. SPIEGEL RECALLED A MEETING EARLIER THE SAME DAY WITH THE ICRC, AT WHICH ICRC DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS GROSSRIEDER URGED MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO EXERT MORAL PRESSURE ON THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF TO END THE KILLING (REFTEL B). SPIEGEL underscored the important position of the HCHR as a moral force, and urged AYALA to make a strong statement calling for an end to human rights violations in Rwanda. SPIEGEL also asked AYALA to write to Rwandan leaders to make the same point and suggested that such a letter might be made available to the press.

4. IN RESPONSE, AYALA SAID HE HAD GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT TO THE CRISIS IN RWANDA AND HAD BEGUN TO TAKE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO IT. FIRST, HE HAS MET WITH ICRC PRESIDENT SOMMARUGA AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A BROAD RANGE OF UN AGENCIES AND UNHRC RAPPORTEURS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION. SECOND, HE PLANS TO SEND AN ENVOY TO BURUNDI TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THAT GOVERNMENT AND BEGIN SOME PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY. THE ENVOY (POSSIBLY LODIS JOINET OF FRANCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNHRC WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION) WILL, INTER ALIA, UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. FINALLY, AYALA HIMSELF PLANS TO VISIT BURUNDI BEFORE THE END OF MAY TO ENGAGE KEY PLAYERS; AYALA WOULD GO ON TO

RWANDA IF THE SITUATION AT THE TIME PERMITTED. AYALA WELCOMED SPIEGEL'S IDEA OF A LETTER TO RWANDAN MILITARY LEADERS AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT UNDER CONSIDERATION. AYALA ALSO WELCOMED SPIEGEL'S OFFER TO SHARE INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION THERE. IN CONCLUSION, AYALA SAID HE WAS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK, WHERE THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED WITH THE RWANDA ISSUE.

5. SPIEGEL SPOKE WITH AYALA AGAIN THE MORNING OF MAY 2 TO REVIEW WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS AND URGE HIM AGAIN TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION. SPIEGEL INFORMED THE HCHR OF

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK'S IMPENDING TRIP TO BURUNDI AND OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S, 42-1-. HE TOLD AYALA TO EXPECT A CALL FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK; AYALA WELCOMED THIS PROSPECT. HE ALSO URGED AYALA TO TELEPHONE MILITARY LEADERS IN BURUNDI (GENERAL BIZIMUNGU AND COLONEL BAGOSORA) AND REITRIBUTED HIS EARLIER REQUEST FOR A MESSAGE FROM AYALA TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. AYALA AGREED TO MAKE THE TELEPHONE CALLS AND TO DRAFT A WRITTEN MESSAGE URGING RESTRAINT WHICH HE WILL CLEAR WITH THE UN SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK BEFORE SENDING. THE HCHR ALSO RECONFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO SEND AN ENVOY TO THE REGION. SPIEGEL ASKED HIM TO ANNOUNCE THIS PUBLICLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. WE HAVE PROVIDED AYALA WITH THE NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATE RWANDAN MILITARY LEADERS AND WITH A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

7. SEPARATELY,

TOLD US ON MORNING OF MAY 2 THAT ICRC PRESIDENT SOMMARUGA HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CARDINAL ETCHEGARAY AT THE VATICAN, AND ICRC IS HOPEFUL FOR AN ACTIVE ROLE BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. [REDACTED] REPEATED HIS COMMENTS OF FRIDAY, THAT GOR PRIME MINISTER JEAN KAMBANDA (WITH WHOM [REDACTED] HAD MET IN GITARAMA) WAS WELL-INTENTIONED AND TRYING TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE BUT WAS QUITE ISOLATED. THE BEST CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANT

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SECRETARY SHATTUCK'S CALL TO ICRC ARE EITHER SOMMARUGA

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AND THEY WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE CALL.

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8. ICRC CONTACTS IN GENEVA AND THE REGION FOR
SHATTUCK'S USE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GENEVA HEADQUARTERS - TEL. (41-22) 734-6881. THIS LINE
IS ANSWERED AT ALL HOURS AND CAN PATCH A CALLER THROUGH
TO DUTY PERSONNEL OR TO PRESIDENT CORNELIO SOMMARUGA OR
PAUL GROSSRIEDER AT THEIR HOMES.

RWANDA - HEAD OF DELEGATION PHILIPPE GAILLARD, AVENUE DE
KIYOVU, QUARTIER RUGUNGA, BP 735, KIGALI, TEL. 72-781/5
OR 77-344 OR 77-315. HEAD OF DELEGATION'S PRIVATE
PHONE, 83-839.

BURUNDI - HEAD OF DELEGATION DANIEL PHILIPPIN, ROUTE DE
L'AEROPORT, PARCELLE 3513, BP 3257, BUJUMBURA, TEL.

223-280 OR 212-988 OR 212-885 OR 212-865. HEAD OF
DELEGATION'S PRIVATE PHONE, 292-238.

ZAIRE - FREDERIC STEINEMANN, 32 AVENUE DES CLINIQUES, BP
7325 KIN 1, KINSHASA GOMBE, TEL. 34-181 OR 34-192.

REGIONAL DELEGATION (INCLUDING UGANDA AND TANZANIA)
BASED IN KENYA - JEAN-FRANCOIS OLIVIER, DENIS PRITT
ROAD, PO BOX 73226, NAIROBI, TEL. 724-988 OR 723-963 OR
723-965.

UGANDA (OFFICE, NOT A DELEGATION) - THIERRY CHARBONNEY,
PLAT 21, ACACIA AVE, PO BOX 4442, KAMPALA, TEL. 238-517
OR 232-458.

TANZANIA - NO OFFICE. SPIEGEL

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